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In re Application of:

John A. Hossack et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
REDUCING UNDESIRABLE
CROSS TALK IN DIAGNOSTIC
ULTRASOUND ARRAYS

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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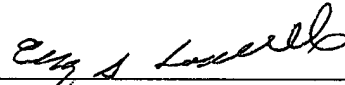
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Respectfully submitted,



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